

Response to Rejection of Claims 1 to 7 under 35USC112

2. The applicant submits that the newly drafted claims 14 to 19 particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter of the instant invention, as pursuant to 35USC112.

3. Applicant acknowledge the allowability of claims 8 to 13, as noted by the Examiner. The applicant has incorporated the allowable subject matter in the original claims 8 to 13 into the newly drafted independent claim 14.

The Cited but Non-Applied References

4. The cited but not relied upon references have been studied and are greatly appreciated, but are deemed to be less relevant than the relied upon references.

5. In view of the above, it is submitted that the claims are in condition for allowance. Reconsideration and withdrawal of the objection are requested. Allowance of claims 14 to 19 at an early date is solicited.

Respectfully submitted,



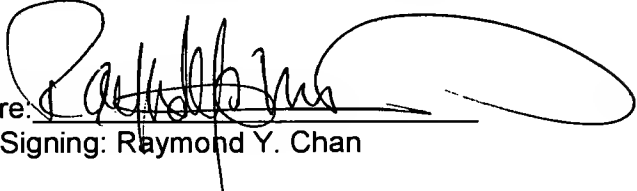
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